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AND PHNOM PENH 19 AUGUST 1974. QUOTE:

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INFOGUIDE 74-15

NOW THAT THE SUCCESSION IN THE PRESIDENCY HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED
AND PRESIDENT FORD HAS FIRMLY TAKEN OVER THE REINS OF
GOVERNMENT, THE MAIN THRUST OF THE AGENCY'S EFFORTS MUST BE
FORWARD LOOKING, NOT BACKWARD. DURING EH LONG PERIOD PRECEDING
THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION WE ASSURED THE WORLD THAT
WHAT THEY WERE SEEING WAS THE FUNCTIONING OF THE AMERICAN
SYSTEM AS IT WAS DESIGNED TO WORK. GIVEN THE FACT, WE
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OUGHT NOT NOW SEEM SURPRISED THAT IT DID, AND DOES, IN FACT

WORK. WE MUST CONCENTRATE ON REASSURING THE WORLD OF AMERICA'S STEADFASTNESS AND CONTINUITY, PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE PRESENT AND FUTURE COURSE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. THIS SUBJECT WAS DEALT WITH IN INFOGUIDE 74-14, TO WHICH YOUR ATTENTION IS AGAIN DIRECTED.

IN THIS PERIOD, WHEN WE FACE SUCH URGENT CHALLENGES TO REASSURE THE WORLD OF U.S. STEADFASTNESS AND CONTINUITY, THERE IS LITTLE TO BE GAINED BY KEEPING WHAT PRESIDENT FORD HAS TERMED "A LONG NATIONAL NIGHTMARE" IN THE FOREFRONT OF OUR EFFORTS WITH FOREIGN AUDIENCES. NO DOUBT THE RECENT EXPERIENCES OF AMERICA WILL STAND US IN GOOD STEAD IN OUR FUTURE PROGRAMMING EFFORTS. THAT EXPERIENCE PROVED THE ESSENCE OF OUR MESSAGE DURING THE CRITICAL PERIOD, THAT AMERICA WOULD WORK OUT ITS PROBLEMS WITHOUT FALLING APART, AND IN THE END WOULD BE ON COURSE.

AMPLE MATERIAL ON FOREIGN POLICY BIPARTISANSHIP AND CONTINUITY IS AVAILABLE IN PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENTS AT HIS SWEARING-IN-CEREMONY AND HIS ADDRESS TO CONGRESS. BOTH STATEMENTS UNDERSCORE THE VIABILITY AND CONTINUITY OF THE AMERICAN SYSTEM AND GOVERNMENT. STATEMENTS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, SENATORS MANSFIELD, SCOTT AND OTHER CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS ATTEST TO THE CONTINUITY AND BIPARTISAN NATURE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND SHOULD BE FULLY EXPLOITED TO MAKE THAT CRUCIAL POINT. ADDITIONAL AGENCY PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMMING WILL BE FORTHCOMING KEOGH

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